

CHAPTER 4: ACTION PLAN

Introduction

A number of exciting, effective, and feasible recommendations to meet the various plan objectives are contained in this document. The Action Plan organizes all these ideas into a concise and thoughtful implementation program.

Recommended improvements will not, and should not, occur over night. Some ideas need additional design refinement. Some, like reverse angle parking, are not essential but still worth considering. Finally, because INDOT controls Joliet Street (Route 231) and Main Street (Route 55), their involvement and support will be needed. A systematic approach to accomplishing the objectives of this plan will assist decision making and efficient use of funding.

To further the vision and objectives of this plan, the City should pursue the following key next steps in the process:

- Plan Adoption: The document should be adopted or endorsed by the Planning Commission and City Council.
- Agency Coordination: City representatives should meet with outside agencies involved in review and approval of these projects, such as INDOT, to discuss feasibility and procedures.
- Project Implementation: Implementation of the recommended projects can begin with detailed design, cost estimation, and funding allocations. Each of the projects is prioritized in the Project Implementation Program.

Project Implementation Program

The Project Implementation Program organizes recommendations into a specified time frame of short term (1-3 years), medium term (4-6 years), and long term (7 years and beyond). The City should use the program as a guide each year as it considers its goals. Preliminary cost estimates for many of the projects are provided in Appendix C so the City can plan for funding allocation and seek other funding sources such as grants, private partnerships, public partnerships, and donations.



Short Term Time Frame: 2006-2008

Circulation and Parking Projects:

- Convert Court Street north of the Square to one-way
- Increase enforcement of speed limits, illegal maneuvers, and parking violations
- Begin education program and research on responsible employee/employer parking
- Test on-street reverse angled parking south of the Square on Main Street (Route 55) for 6 months and gradually add blocks, if successful

- Convert Parry Court to pedestrian-only circulation and upgrade streetscape
- Adjust signal timing at Joliet Street (Route 231) and Main Street (Route 55) intersection

Urban Design Projects:

- Install overhead arches and other major gateway signs
- Install directional signs
- Install wider sidewalks, curb bump-outs, and crosswalk improvements
- Incorporate senior-friendly improvements to streetscape and signage
- Complete 'greening' streetscape improvements
- Relocate standalone drive-through at Parry Court and East Street
- Explore implementation of redevelopment opportunity at Joliet Street (Route 231) and East Street

Medium Term Time Frame: 2009-2011

Circulation and Parking Projects:

- Complete public parking lot improvements
- Convert Main Street (Route 55) to two-way and conduct lane marking, signal, and parking changes
- Begin implementation of Joliet Street (Route 231) re-alignment such as land acquisition
- Begin research on feasible truck route alternatives

Urban Design Projects:

- Conduct pedestrian improvements to alleys east and west of Main Street (Route 55)
- Explore implementation of key redevelopment opportunities and the Municipal Use site
- Continue installation of directional signs and install minor gateway signs

Long Term Time Frame: 2012 and beyond

Circulation and Parking Projects:

- Evaluate parking demands based on new development
- Re-align Joliet Street (Route 231)
- Convert Joliet Street (Route 231) to two-way
- Complete traffic signal and intersection changes on Joliet Street (Route 231) at Court Street and Main Street (Route 55)
- Modify on-street parking as necessary based on re-alignment
- Complete new parking lot on former Joliet Street (Route 231) Monitor parking demand

Urban Design Projects:

- Complete pedestrian improvements to Hack Court
- Explore implementation of key redevelopment development opportunities
- Complete streetscape, bump-out, and crosswalk modifications on Joliet Street (Route 231)

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